(b) Revival of closed industrial units comes under the purview of the administrative Ministry concerned with that particular unit. The Government provides a policy regime that facilitates and fosters growth and development of industries. The Government has also taken a number of steps for revival of sick industrial units in the country which, *inter alia,* include guidelines of Reserve Bank of India to banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units, setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985 etc. Wherever feasible, rehabilitation schemes are sanctioned for the revival of these units registered with the BIFR which, *inter alia,* include restructuring of the capital, induction of fresh funds by the promoters, including Government assistance for public sector units, merger with other companies, change of management, relief and concessions by Financial Institutions/Banks, and relief and concession by the State and Central Government in the form of rescheduling of dues.

Differences with regard to amendment in Patent Act

1551. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any differences are brewing up in the Government on the issue of amendment in the Patent Act; and

(b) how the Government proposes to overcome the differences in order to meet the dead-line of January 1, 2005 under international obligation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Import of Horticulture Planting Material

1552. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to import genuine horticulture planting material of favourable genotype from other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The Government

have no fixed proposal to import horticulture planting material, but it is imported as and when required by different Institutions/Companies.

Provisions of compensation for multiple duties and taxes on exports

1553. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is working on any scheme of providing full compensation for the incidence of multiple duties and taxes on exports;

(b) whether any consultations have been held in this regard with the exporters; and

(c) whether the proposed scheme is thought about by the Ministry in view of the proposed withdrawal of Duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In the Foreign Trade Policy announced on 31st of August, 2004, it was mentioned that the DEPB Scheme will continue to be operative until it is replaced by a new Scheme which will be drawn up in consultation with the exporters.

Accordingly wide ranging consultations have been held and based on the feedback obtained from the exporters and exporters' organizations Government is formulating a Scheme for compensation of various duties and levies on exports. The Scheme is being formulated with the help of National Council for Applied Economic Research and Rajiv Gandhi Foundation/Economic Law practice.

Marketing rights to NOVARTIS

1554. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether exclusive marketing rights has been granted by the Government to NOVARTIS for Glevac, an anti-cancer medicine;

(b) if so, what is the present price of Glevac by Novartis (per ampule); and

(c) what was the price per ampule on Glevac which was earlier produced by six Indian Companies?